

### **Remarks**

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application as amended.

Claims 1, 12 and 17 have been amended. No claims have been cancelled or added.

Therefore, claims 1-6, 12-17 and 19-22 are presented for examination.

In a Final Office Action mailed December 14, 2006, claims 1-6, 12-17 and 19-22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Michels et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,161,144). Applicants submit that the present claims are patentable over Michels.

Michels recites a switching device for forwarding network traffic to a desired destination on a network. The switching device includes multiple ports and uses a lookup table to determine which port to forward network traffic over. (Michels at Abstract). Michels further discloses that the switching device includes multiple search engines that can perform multiple binary searches simultaneously. (Id. at Col. 2, ll. 60-63). The search engines can send network frames in any desired format and a media interface reformats the frames for the network. (Id. at Col. 4, ll. 59-60). Michels further discloses a management processor that maintains a lookup table in memory. The management processor directs the search engines to delete old table entries, insert new entries and maintain the table in sorted order. (Id. at Col. 5, ll. 31-36).

Claim 1 of the present application recites a parser comparing identifier data received in the packets with session identifiers stored in the session memory to determine if the identifier data matches a stored session identifier. Applicant submits that nowhere in Michels is such a parser disclosed.

Independent claims 12 and 17 recite similar limitations. Therefore, for the reasons stated above with respect to claim 1, claims 12 and 17, as well as their dependent claims, are also patentable over Michels.

Applicant respectfully submits that the rejections have been overcome and that the claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests the rejections be withdrawn and the claims be allowed.


The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

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Respectfully submitted,

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